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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Foreign Networks Division
Office of Communications

FROM:

Communications Officer
Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT:

Request for Circuit Upgrade - FBIS Vienna

1. We have recently learned that the Embassy in Vienna anticipates acquiring an additional 9.5khz circuit to Washington sometime in December 1985. The FBIS Austrian Bureau in Vienna has forwarded a request to FBIS Headquarters that its' present circuit via be upgraded from 75- to 300-baud when the new 9.5khz circuit is installed

2. In earlier informal discussions on the subject with a member of your staff, we were informed that connectivity problems prevent any upgrades on the link at this time. However, there is optimism that current problems will be resolved in the not too distant future.

3. This memorandum confirms FBIS interests in upgrading the FBIS Vienna circuit to 300-baud when the new 9.5khz circuit is installed and connectivity problems noted in para 2 are resolved. The higher baud rate will eliminate present backlogs on both incoming and outgoing circuits and will fit in nicely with bureau modernization plans now in progress. All of the bureau's equipment can handle the higher speed with the exception of its MODEMS.

4. If you approve, we ask that Mr. Paul Nugnes at the Department of State be informed of this requirement. Members of your staff may contact if there are any questions regarding this request.

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